Former USP Big Sandy Inmates Indicted for Murder of fellow Inmate

Inez, KY — March 20, 2009 — Darryl Marcus Milburne, aka Beast, 26, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Dwaune Gravely, aka Deuce, 33, of Bridgeton, New Jersey, were indicted today for conspiracy to murder, murder, assault, and evidence tampering.

The Indictment alleges that on or about November 12, 2006, Milburne and Gravely, while both were inmates at the United States Penitentiary, Big Sandy, in Martin County, conspired to murder fellow inmate Shamoni Peterson. The Indictment also alleges that Milburne and Gravely beat and choked Peterson until he died. Milburne and Gravely are also charged with tampering with physical evidence related to the murder.

James A. Zerhusen, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, and Timothy D. Cox, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, jointly made the announcement yesterday after a federal grand jury in Ashland, Ky. returned the Indictment.

The investigation preceding the Indictment was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General, and the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, USP Big Sandy Special Investigative Service. The Indictment was presented to the grand jury by Assistant United States Attorneys Robert M. Duncan, Jr., and Patrick H. Molloy.

Milburne and Gravely's appearances before the United States District Court have not yet been set by the Court in Ashland, Ky. If convicted, Milburne and Gravely each face a maximum of life imprisonment. However, any sentence following conviction would be imposed by the court after consideration of the United States Sentencing Guidelines and the federal statute governing the imposition of sentences.

The indictment of a person by a grand jury is an accusation only, and that person is presumed innocent unless proven quilty.